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RULES

FOR REGULATING

THE SUBSCRIPTION LIBRARY

AT STAMFORD;

AND

A LIST OF THE

COMMITTEE, SUBSCRIBERS, &c.

TO WHICH IS ADDED,

A

CATALOGUE

OF THE

BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY,

AT ITS FIRST OPENING

IN FEBRUARY 1787.

STAMFORD:
PRINTED BY NEWCOMB AND PEAT.

PRESIDENT,

REV. MR. ATLAY.

TREASURER,

MR. PIERREPONT.

LIBRARIAN,

MR. NEWCOMB.

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LAWS

FOR THE REGULATION OF

THE LIBRARY.

TERMS OF ADMISSION.

I.

EVERY perſon, when admitted a Member of this Society, ſhall ſubſcribe one guinea, to be paid to the Librarian, or the Treaſurer: He ſhall alſo pay twelve ſhillings in advance, annually, which money ſhall be applied to the purchaſe of books, and to defray what other expences may be found neceſſary in conducting the plan to the beſt advantage.

II.

Every Subſcriber ſhall have the power of transferring his property in the Library by ſale, free gift, or will, to any other perſon, who ſhall ſubſcribe theſe laws, and ſubmit to them. The perſon to whom ſuch transfer ſhall be made, to be ſubject only to the annual payment of twelve ſhillings, and to conform to the rules. In caſe of neglect of ſuch transfer, the ſurviving Subſcribers ſhall be heirs.

III.

The Officers of the Society ſhall conſiſt of a Committee, Preſident, Treaſurer, and Librarian.

IV.

All queſtions which come before the Society at large, ſhall be determined by a majority of the Subſcribers preſent; but Ladies, who are Members of the Society, ſhall have the privilege of voting by proxy, provided the proxy be a Subſcriber. When the numbers are equal, the Preſident ſhall have the caſting vote, and the manner of voting ſhall be by ballot.

V.

Any Lady or Gentleman, not being a reſident in the Town or Neighbourhood, introduced by a Subſcriber (who ſhall alſo be anſwerable to the truſt for any books taken out), ſhall be indulged with the uſe of the Library, on paying to the Librarian the ſum of two ſhillings and ſix-pence per month, in advance; the ſaid non-reſident to be ſubject to ſuch bye laws, as ſhall from time to time, hereafter be made, at any meeting of this ſociety, for the better regulation of non-ſubſcribers.

GENERAL

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VI.

A general meeting ſhall be held annually on the firſt *Friday* in *January*, in the Library room; and each member ſhall be informed by a card from the Librarian, in the preceding week, that ſuch general meeting is to be held. The Librarian ſhall likewiſe give notice to all the members of the Committee, one day at leaſt, before each of their monthly meetings.

VII.

No law, once eſtabliſhed, ſhall be repealed or altered, except at a general meeting, and by a majority of the members preſent. The propoſed alteration or repeal ſhall be fairly written out, and hung up in the Library, for the inſpection of the Subſcribers, at leaſt a month, previous to the general meeting.

COMMITTEE.

VIII.

A Committee of ſixteen Members ſhall be choſen annually, out of the ſociety at large, at the aforeſaid general meeting, in the manner following: Each Member to produce a liſt of ſixteen perſons of whom he would wiſh the Committee to conſiſt, which liſt

liſt he ſhall preſent, in perſon, to the Librarian or ſign it with his name, that it may be properly identified; and thoſe whoſe names are moſt frequently mentioned, ſhall be deemed duly elected. But if any perſon thus elected ſhall decline being of the Committee, he who has the next greateſt number of votes, ſhall come in of courſe, and the order of thoſe who have an equal number of votes, ſhall be determined by lot.

The Members of the expiring Committee, ſhall have a vote in common, with the reſt of the Members, in the election of a new one. If any of the Committee ſhould die or reſign their office, the vacancy ſhall be ſupplied by other Subſcribers, choſen by the Committee.

IX.

The Committee preſent to elect a Preſident and Treaſurer, by each of them producing in writing the names of the perſons he is deſirous to have voted into thoſe offices; and thoſe perſons who ſhall have a majority of votes, ſhall be duly elected.

X.

All the caſh, whether it ariſe from ſubſcription or forfeitures, ſhall be paid into the hands of the Treaſurer, and his accounts audited at the next anniverſary meeting.

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The Committee ſhall meet the firſt *Monday* in every month, in the Library, to tranſact the buſineſs of the Society, any four of whom, and the Preſident or his Deputy, ſhall be deemed a Committee. But if the Preſident be abſent, and has neglected to appoint a Deputy, then the Committee preſent, or any five of them, ſhall have the power of chuſing a Preſident for the day.

Every abſent Member of the Committee, except confined by ſickneſs, or out of town, ſhall forfeit ſix-pence; and if abſent three times ſucceſſively, except for the reaſons above-mentioned, he ſhall looſe his ſeat in the Committee, and another perſon ſhall be choſen by them in his place. And for every time the Preſident ſhall be abſent, and neglect to appoint a Deputy, except for the aforefaid reaſons, he ſhall be fined one ſhilling.

XII.

The Preſident and Committee ſhall fix the time to be allowed for reading each particular book, which ſhall be written on a paper, on the inſide of the cover; and whoever keeps any book longer than the time limited, ſhall forfeit as follows: For a pamphlet, one penny per day; for an octavo, or duodecimo, two-

two-pence; and for a quarto, or folio, three-pence. If the Member lives out of town, he ſhall be allowed to keep it till the next market-day ſucceeding the limited time. Should there be any doubt concerning the fines, it ſhall be determined by the Committee, at their next meetings.—Whoever lends a Library book to any perſon, out of his family, ſhall forfeit the full value of every book ſo lent and received. No Subſcriber ſhall have more than one volume at one time, unleſs allowed by the Committee.

PRESIDENT.

XIII.

The Preſident, with another Member of the Committee, ſhall, whenever they think proper, viſit the Library, to examine the Librarian's accounts, and to obſerve whether he takes proper care of the books, and ſhall report their obſervations at the next meeting of the Committee.

XIV.

The Preſident of his own authority, may order into the Library once a month what book he pleaſes not exceeding the value of twelve ſhillings, and ſhall have the privilege of firſt reading any book on its arrival, on ſignifying his option to the Librarian.

LIBRARIAN.

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XV.

The Librarian, who ſhall alſo act as Secretary, ſhall be elected by the Society at large, at their general meeting, and ſhall continue in office, without re-election, as long as it ſhall be agreeable to himſelf, and the Society. He ſhall keep a diſtinct account of the books, in whoſe hands they are, deliver them out, receive them in, and note the time; likewiſe collect the fines, which he ſhall pay to the Treaſurer, at each monthly meeting; he ſhall alſo examine the books, as they come in, and inform the Committee of any tearing, or other damage they may have ſuſtained, in order that proper fines may be fixed on thoſe accounts.

XVI.

The Librarian, in conſideration of his trouble, the uſe of the room, and the expence he may be at in coals, ſhall be allowed a ſalary of ten pounds, for the firſt year.

N. B. The fire to be kept up from ten to four in the afternoon.

BOOKS—FINES.

XVII.

Every Subſcriber may propoſe what books he pleaſes, by entering their titles in a book

kept for that purpoſe, or by ſending a liſt to the Librarian, which the Librarian muſt lay before the Committee, at every monthly meeting, that the books ſo propoſed may be voted for, or againſt, by ballot.

XVIII.

Each Subſcriber, at the time of paying his ſubſcription, ſhall have a printed card, which, if required, muſt be ſhewn to the Librarian, when a book is ſent for, in order to prevent his being impoſed on.

XIX.

All the pamphlets ſhall be covered with ſtrong paper, and have their titles written on the cover, and all the larger books (if bought in new) ſhall be half-bound, uncut, have ſtrings in them, and be lettered on the back.

XX.

The Reviews (Monthly and Critical) and Gentleman's Magazine, ſhall remain in the Library room for one week after their arrival, the day of the month being firſt written on the cover by the Librarian; and whoever ſhall take any of them hence, previous to the expiration of that week, ſhall forfeit the price of the book ſo taken away.

XXI.

The Librarian ſhall not deliver out, or take in, any book on a *Sunday*, or on other days

days be obliged to attend the Library, for that purpoſe, before ten o'clock in the morning, or after four in the afternoon, in winter, and ſix in ſummer. If the time allowed for reading expire on a *Sunday*, it ſhall be returned on the *Monday* following.

XXII.

The yearly ſubſcription of twelve ſhillings ſhall be paid at the regular annual meeting; and no Subſcriber ſhall have a book from the Library, till he has paid it, either at the meeting, to the Treaſurer, or to the Librarian at the Library. And if any Subſcriber ſuffer his annual ſubſcription to remain unpaid for one year, he ſhall forfeit his property in the Library.—The ſame rule, as far as it relates to the delivery of a book, ſhall be obſerved in reſpect to all fines.

XXIII.

Whoever applies firſt to the Librarian (except mentioned in article 14,) for any book he ſhall have it, and other Subſcribers in the order in which they apply; but if two, or more apply at the ſame time, the diſpute ſhall be determined by lot. When any perſon makes application for a book that is engaged, the Librarian ſhall inform him when it will be at liberty; and, if he deſires it, his name ſhall be inſerted in a book kept for that purpoſe,

purpoſe, that he may have it on its return, provided no other perſon's name be previouſly entered for it. But if it be not ſent for, the day it comes home or the next day, (if it be duly returned) the Librarian may then deliver it to any other perſon applying for it.

No book, within the firſt year of its circulation, ſhall be re-entered to the ſame perſon, till it hath been returned and allowed to remain in the Library room, at leaſt, one whole week.

XXIV.

If any book be loſt, the perſon to whom it was delivered, ſhall pay the full value of it; but if the book loſt, be one of a ſet, the perſon who loſt it ſhall take the remaining volumes, and buy a ſet of equal value, for the Library; and if he refuſes to ſubmit to this penalty, he ſhall be excluded the Society, and forfeit his property in the Library.

XXV.

The following form ſhall be delivered to ſuch perſons as ſend for a book before their forfeits are paid:

" You are indebted to the Library for keeping your laſt book, beyond the time; you are therefore, by the

the 16th law, not allowed to have another book till you have paid the ſame."

[Signed by the Preſident.]

Any perſon, refuſing to pay his forfeits to the Librarian, after the above notice, muſt appeal to the Committee, at their firſt or ſecond monthly meeting, and if he does not ſo appeal, and ſubmit to their determination, he ſhall loſe his property in the Library.

XXVI.

If any difficulty ariſe, that is not expreſsly determined by theſe laws, it ſhall be determined by the Committee, and their tranſactions and determinations ſhall be recorded in a book by the Librarian.

XXVII.

No perſon ſhall be conſidered as a Member of this Society, or have any ſhare in the Library, who does not conſent to be governed by theſe laws.

SUBSCRIBERS

SUBSCRIBERS to the LIBRARY.

1 Right Hon. Earl of Exeter.

2 Right Hon. Lady Jane Edwards.

3 Atlay, Rev. Mr.
4 Bellaers, --- Esq;
5 Buckworth, Miss
6 Batson, Mr. James
7 Cecil, H. Esq; M. P.
8 Clarke, John, Esq;
9 Cookson, Rev. Mr.
10 Denshire, Geo. Esq;
11 Edwards, Captain
12 Fludyer, Geo. Esq;
13 Foster, Rev. Mr.
14 Foster, Miss
15 Fryer, Mr.
16 Gosli, Mr. Andrew
17 Gray, Mr. Edward
18 Howard, Sir George K. B. M. P.
19 Hurst, James, Esq;
20 Hutcheson, Mrs.
21 Harrod, Mr. Wm.
22 Hardwick, Mr.
23 Judd, Mr.
24 Lucas, Rev. Mr.
25 Linton, Rev. Mr.
26 Landen, Miss
27 Law, Mr.
28 Mossop, Rev. Mr.
29 Murser, Mrs.
30 Newcomb, Mr. R.
31 Pemell, Wm. Esq;
32 Parke, Rev. Mr.
33 Pierrepont, Mr. M.
34 Robinson, Mr. J.
35 Robinson, Mr. T.
36 Roberts, Mr.
37 Reeves, Wm. Esq;
38 Skynner, Rev. Mr.
39 Singleton, Rev. Mr.
40 Smith, Mr. Henry
41 Trollope, Sir Tho. Bart.
42 Tryon, Tho. Esq;
43 Thompson, Mr.
44 Treacher, Mr. D.
45 Vickery, Mr.
46 Weddred, Rev. Mr.

CATALOGUE.

FOLIO.

1 Biographia Britannica *(new Edition)* 3 Vol. 1778, &c.
2 Hoadley's Works, 3 Vol. 1773

QUARTO.

1 Bacon's (Lord) Works, 5 Vol. 1778
2 Coxe's Travels into Ruſſia, Poland, Sweden, and Denmark, 2 Vol. —— —— —— 1785
3 Guthrie's Geography, *with Maps bound ſeperate*, 1786
4 Locke's Works, 4 Vol. —— —— 1777

OCTAVO.

1 Blackſtone's Commentaries on the Laws of England, 4 Vol. 1783
2 Brooke's General Gazetteer, —— 1786
3 Campbell's Lives of the Admirals, 4 Vol. 1785
4 Delolme on the Britiſh Conſtitution, —— 1784
5 Ferguſon's Aſtronomy, explained on Sir Iſaac Newton's Principles, —— —— 1785
6 ——— Lectures, Uſe of the Globes, and Dialling, 1784
7 Hume's Hiſtory of England, 8 Vol. —— 1786
8 Johnſon's Lives of the Engliſh Poets, 4 Vol. 1778
9 Lardner's Works, *now publiſhing*
10 Moore's View of Society in France, Switzerland, and Germany, 2 Vol. —— —— 1786
11 ——————————— Italy, &c. 2 Vol. 1787
12 Moſheim's Eccleſiaſtical Hiſtory, 6 Vol. 1782
13 Millot's Elements of Ancient Hiſtory, 2 Vol. 1778
14 ——————————— Modern Hiſtory, 3 Vol. 1776

TWELVES,

TWELVES, *et infra.*

BELL's POETS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

1 Addiſon
2 Akenſide, 2 Vol.
3 Armſtrong
4 Butler, 3 Vol.
5 Broom
6 Cowley, 4 Vol.
7 Chaucer, 14 Vol.
8 Congreve
9 Churchill, 3 Vol.
10 Cunningham, 3 Vol.
11 Donne, 3 Vol.
12 Denham
13 Dryden, 3 Vol.
14 Dyer
15 Fenton
16 Gay, 3 Vol.
17 Gray and R. Weſt
18 Garth
19 Hammond and Collins
20 Hughes, 2 Vol.
21 Dr. King, 2 Vol.
22 Lanſdown
23 Lyttleton
24 Moore
25 Mallet
26 Milton, 4 Vol.
27 Prior, 3 Vol.
28 Pomfret
29 Parnel, 2 Vol.
30 Pope, 4 Vol.
31 Pitt
32 A. Phillips
33 J. Phillips and Smith
34 Roſcommon
35 Rowe
36 Shenſtone
37 Savage, 2 Vol,
38 Somerville, 2 Vol.
39 Swift, 4 Vol.
40 Spencer, 8 Vol.
41 Tickell
42 Thompſon, 2 Vol.
43 Waller, 2 Vol.
44 Watts, 7 Vol.
45 Gil. Weſt
46 Young, 4 Vol.

47 Fielding's Works, 12 Vol. — 1783
48 The Guardian, 2 Vol. — — 1764
49 Shakeſpere's Works — —
50 The Spectator, 8 Vol. — —
51 The Tatler, 4 Vol. — —

Monthly and Critical Reviews.

Gentleman's Magazine.

ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIBERS.

47 Mr. Richard Cooke
48 Dr. Dally
49 Mr. Edwards
50 R. Tomlin, Esq;
51 J. Heathcote, Esq;

BOOKS ADDED.

QUARTO.

5 The Complete Farmer, or Dictionary of Husbandry, *plates*, — — — — 1777
6 History and Antiquities of Fotheringay Castle, *plates*, 1787

OCTAVO.

15 Cumberland's Observer, 3 Vol. — — 1787
16 Cowper's Poems, 2 Vol. — — 1787
17 Foote's Dramatic Works, 4 Vol.
18 Chastellux's Travels in North America, 2 Vol. 1787
19 Savary's Letters on Egypt, 2 Vol. — — 1787
20 Hawkins's Life of Dr. Johnson, — 1787
21 Burn's Poems, — — — 1787

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52 Sevigne's Letters in French, 8 Vol. — 1774

PAMPHLETS AND PLAYS.

1 Review of the Political State of Great-Britain
2 The People's Answer to the Court Pamphlet
3 Gilbert's Heads of, and Considerations on his Poor Bill
4 Cowley's School for Greybeards, a Comedy
5 Holcroft's Seduction, a Comedy.